

Cavalier Park Bay Colony Civic League Meeting

Minutes

April 17, 2024 7:00 p.m.
The Princess Anne Country Club

1. Purpose of Meeting:

- a. Introduction of officers, board members, committee chairs
- b. Committee reports (provided via hard copy handouts)
- c. Panel of presenters from City of Virginia Beach Public Services to include:

PJ Scully - Planning Coordinator -Resource Protection Area (RPA) Land Use and Development

Brooke Costanza - City Arborist, Park and Landscape Service

Kristi Rines, Recycling Coordinator, Public Works

Highlights:

- Recent tree canopy removal from Dominion Energy (40 acres); city provided with mitigation dollars to re-plant/preservation and next urban tree canopy analysis
- Public Works/Waste Management Recycling Services campaign/Public Input survey. The SpeakUPVB Survey concluded November 17, 2024, asking residents to share suggestions on future services. 44% of items in recyclable containers are not actually recyclable. DO NOT put plastics other than bottles or jugs in recycle bin.
- “KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW” We do not recycle plastic bags in Virginia Beach. Do not put recyclables in bags or the entirety will be thrown out.

Q&A

- Pooling water at the York Lane/Cavalier curve; standing water in right of way, following the construction of a new home in area that used to be woodland. Public works operation department should be notified. When a single-family home is built, the permit process requires an “as built” survey before completion of the home; they will check the grades and spot grades, FEMA compliance, etc. If there is a drainage question the development services will check proposed grades against actual grades. PJ Scully has taken note and will ask for it to be examined.
- How can the civic league address continued zoning variance approvals? Chesapeake Bay Area Preservation Board and Wetlands Board are appointed to three-year terms (max of three terms). The appointed officials have limited terms and when the term is up, the pool

of volunteer citizens is bleak. Citizens can apply through the “talent pool application” that City Council will use to appoint new members. Website to apply will be posted to Civic League Website.

- Cutting of trees by Dominion Energy. Is there any onus on Dominion to consult with city arborist? No – they have a federal regulation to maintain a certain space between the lines. Line maintenance does not require any notice.
- Rosemary Wilson and Joshua Schulman are council liaisons. Also reach out to City Council Members. Plethora of committees that are in need of community volunteers. Please consider applying.
- Deviations (referring to homes on York Lane). Do these require letters of protest – what is the recourse? Should submit your opposition to staff and they will read it during the informal session and letters of opposition are handed out to board members.
- Can paper be recycled? How about the magnet with stickers of what can and cannot be recycled? Do not put any mail with identifying information in recycling. It is processed overseas.
- Why do we bag our leaves vs. vacuum curbside? Multiple reasons but stormwater system is primary issue.

2. **Upcoming Event: Independence Day Parade:** July 4 at 9:30 am. There will be a new route: Start at the Corner of Wythe & Abingdon Lane and make a left (going south) on North Bay Shore Drive and then make a left (heading east) on Windsor Road. Follow Windsor Road until it turns into York Lane. The parade will end at the park.
3. **Historian Committee:** (Demaris Yearick) Demaris is planning to scan the pictures for the history of Bay Colony and keep them on a flash drive so that we can show them at civic league meetings and other events. If you’d like to share pictures of Bay Colony “back in the day” please text Demaris at 757-256-7668 or email me at way4@juno.com.
4. **Conservation Committee:** (Demaris Yearick and Betty Ann Desroches) **Recycling:** Curbside recycling has been tentatively included in this year’s budget and includes a \$3.00 monthly increase. City Council still needs to vote on the budget and has asked for input from Virginia Beach citizens. In the meantime, please do not put plastic bags in your blue recycling bin. They slow down the process making recycling less profitable.
5. **Communications:** (Kara Mccaa) As of today, all the tasks to get the website updated are complet. Daniella needs to upload the members and then we will be ready to take payments and have members set up the accounts.

6. Playground: (Christen Faatz) The playground has \$75K appropriated from the Parks Foundation from the City. We have \$11,700 in pledges. Christen Faatz has additional pledge forms. They are collecting commitments and hope to reach \$50K.

7. Other Business: Richard Cromer (sp) has a petition against re-zoning on York Lane. Wants everyone to stay aware of what is going on. Can email any letters of opposition and he will collect them.

8. Security: (Sue Lichacz):

College Beach Week next weekend. Something in the Water has been moved to November; the city is providing music the ticketed stage is 31st St. VBPD is bracing for possible issues.

Crime in Old Beach Area last fall: reminder to lock windows and remove AC units and remember that homeless issues persist. Any lewd acts or exposure should result in a 911 call.

Artificial Intelligence is becoming a legal incident. Calls coming in from familiar phone number and voice. Common money wiring scam.

Continued reports of children making threats in schools; bringing knives/weapons to school. Happening at all schools and a lot in our district.

Three recent shootings in parking lots (soon after bars close) Central 111, Central Shore Bar (Shore Drive) and Crocs.

Breeden Company is going to install cameras in Great Neck Parking Lot to help capture license plates, etc.

Accidental shooting at hotel at the Oceanfront, separate individual at Turtle Cay hotel with rifle.

Reports of helicopter circling neighborhood due to large group (about 500) of teens that came for a “meet up” at Burger King. Same juvenile sent out a meet up at Haygood Skate Center – juvenile was identified via IP address. VB Police went to his home and discussed with parents.

Laskin/264 shooting; due to gang activity.

April 8th helicopters’ and canines due to an inmate having absconded from work program – individual has been found and re-arrested.

Other: (Christen Faatz): Last night, City Council added Pinewood Road to the 30-some streets under enhanced speed enforcement – minimum \$200 fine plus court costs. The City will post signs soon. The enforcement area is from the culvert at the creek to Holladay Point. He wanted to make sure our neighborhood was made aware.

Closing Remarks: Next full meeting will be held in October; residents should submit to the board any topics they would like included on the agenda.